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THE REPLY FILED 27 November 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS	APPLICATION IN CON	DITION F	OR ALLOWANCE.	
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3. ☑ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, l	out prior to the date of fili	ing a hrief	will not be entered be	ecause
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further co				000000
(b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below	•			
(c) They are not deemed to place the application in bet appeal; and/or		•		he issues for
(d) They present additional claims without canceling a (corresponding number of	f finally rej	ected claims.	
NOTE: (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)). 4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.12	21 See attached Notice	of Non-Co	mpliant Amondment (DTOL 324)
5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):		OI NOII-CO	mphant Amendment (P10L-324).
 Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be all non-allowable claim(s). 		separate,	timely filed amendme	nt canceling the
7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) [how the new or amended claims would be rejected is prov The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:			l be entered and an e	xplanation of
Claim(s) allowed: Claim(s) objected to:				
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10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation	n of the status of the clair	ms after er	ntry is below or attach	ed.
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER 11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but	t does NOT place the ap	plication in	condition for allowan	ce because:
Amendments require further search and consideration. 12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s).	PTO/SR/08) Paner No/s	١	1/	
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